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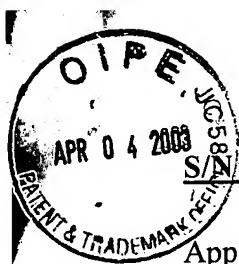
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09/544363	April 6, 2000	279.194US1	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPATIALLY AND TEMPORALLY DISTRIBUTING CARDIAC ELECTRICAL STIMULATION
09/844256	April 27, 2001	279.313US1	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REVERSAL OF MYOCARDIAL REMODELING WITH ELECTRICAL STIMULATION
10/005184	December 5, 2001	279.365US1	METHOD AND APPARATUS TO MINIMIZE WALL THINNING AND REMODELING AFTER A MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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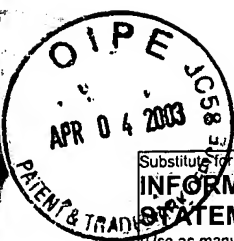
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